



# Driving in Montana

## Instruction Permits and Learner Licenses



**TEP – Traffic Education Permit** valid only during approved traffic education (TE) course  
Drive only with instructor during Driver Education class.

**TELL – Traffic Education Learner License** valid for one year  
Drive only with TE instructor or licensed parent or legal guardian during and after successful completion of approved TE course.

**Instruction Permit /Learner License** valid for one year  
Drive with licensed parent or legal guardian or licensed adult driver who is authorized by parent.

AGE 14 14 ½ 15 16 17 18

### PERMITS USED FOR TRAFFIC EDUCATION

<b>TEP</b> Traffic Education Permit	<b>AGE*</b> - enrolled in approved traffic education program  *Enrollment age is subject to school policy	<b>DURATION</b> Only during approved traffic education course with traffic education instructor. TEP expires at the end of class	<b>RESTRICTION</b> Drive only with approved traffic education instructor during driver education class
<b>TELL - Traffic</b> Education Learner License	<b>AGE</b> at least 14 ½ and enrolled in or successfully completed approved traffic education course	<b>DURATION</b> Valid for one year  May use until eligible for Restricted License	<b>RESTRICTION</b> Drive only with traffic education instructor, licensed parent or legal guardian**

**\*\*NOTE: IF PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS WANT THEIR STUDENT TO DRIVE WITH OTHER ADULTS DURING THE GDL PERMIT PHASE, STUDENTS MUST OBTAIN AN INSTRUCTION PERMIT**

### PERMIT AVAILABLE AFTER OR WITHOUT TRAFFIC EDUCATION

<b>Instruction Permit (IP)/ Learner License</b>	<b>AGE</b> 15 after successful completion of approved traffic education course; or age 16 without traffic education	<b>DURATION</b> Valid for one year	<b>RESTRICTION</b> Drive only with licensed parent, legal guardian or licensed adult driver who is authorized by parent
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### GDL Restricted License

**BEGINS** after student has had any combination of TEP, TELL or IP at least **six months** AND while holding the permit(s), the student has completed **50 hours** of supervised driving practice – 10 hours must be at night

**DURATION** One Year

#### GDL RESTRICTIONS -

- First 6 months only one unrelated passenger
- Second 6 months up to 3 unrelated passengers
- Each occupant must wear a seat belt
- No driving between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

**Exceptions** to night driving restrictions include emergencies, travel to and from school, church, or work and farm related activities

### Full Privilege Driver License

**BEGINS** after student has completed one-year GDL restricted license period or if the student turns 18 before the one-year restricted license period is complete, when the student turns 18

**DURATION**  
EXPIRES ON 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY

#### REMEMBER

**Drive Safely**  
**Follow the rules of the road**  
**Everyone wears a seat belt**  
**Drive sober**



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